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DISCLOSURE ADVISORY

For the person named above, whom the People may call as a witness, please be advised as follows.

The New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) substantiated for Ismail Abdullah allegations of Abuse of Authority - Threat of Arrest, and Discourtesy - Word.

As described in relevant summary by the CCRB investigator, on October 23, 2014, at approximately 5:30 p.m., inside Harold Hunter Skate Park, located under the Manhattan Bridge, two officers from the 5th Precinct were arresting a man for disorderly conduct and obstruction of governmental administration. One of the officers grabbed the arrestee by the front of his chest and pushed him backward over a skateboard obstacle that was behind him. The arrestee landed on the ground on his back. While the arrestee was on the ground, Officer Ismail Abdullah and another officer, both also assigned to the 5th Precinct and both in plainclothes, approached and assisted the first two officers in turning the arrestee over to lie face first on the ground. The arrestee resisted by holding his hands in front of him and moving his body away from the officers to prevent them from handcuffing him. During this time, the arrestee reported to CCRB, he felt an unknown officer strike him once in the ribs, while another struck him once in the groin. He could not specify which officer took which action, but screamed out, "Why the fuck you punch me in my dick? What's wrong with ya'll motherfuckers? Ya'll motherfuckers is crazy." While the arrestee was on the ground being handcuffed, he heard officers stating, "Turn the fuck around" and "Stop fucking resisting," but he could not attribute any statement to a particular officer. After the arrestee was handcuffed, he was lifted from the ground, walked to a patrol car, and transported to the 5th Precinct stationhouse by the first two officers.

During the arrestee's CCRB interview, he provided video footage of the above interaction, which had been recorded by a man other than the arrestee. The video footage shows that at approximately 4 minutes and 25 seconds, the male who was recording the incident screams, "You wonder why cops get killed out there. It's because of you guys, yo!" Officer Abdullah approaches the recording male. Officer Abdullah is holding a large dark object in his right hand. Officer Abdullah states to the recording male, "Shut the fuck up. If I ever hear you say some shit like that again, I'll lock you up myself. Threatening to kill us. You coward, shut the fuck up. You're a punk."

In relevant summary, the CCRB determined as follows.

It is undisputed that Officer Abdullah used discourteous language towards the recording male and threatened to arrest him. At approximately 4 minutes and 11 seconds into the video footage, a male voice, identified as the voice of the recording male, is heard stating, "Ya'll ain't right, yo. You wonder why cops get killed out there. It's because of you guys, yo." Following this, Officer Abdullah approaches the recording male and states, "Is that what you said? You threatened to kill us?" The recording male does not make any statements during

this time, and Officer Abdullah goes on to state, “Shut the fuck up. If I ever hear you say some shit like that again, I’ll lock you up myself. Threatening to kill us. You coward, shut the fuck up. You’re a punk. That’s what you are. You’re a punk.” The recording male does not make any statements following this, and Officer Abdullah then walks away. During Officer Abdullah’s CCRB interview, he stated that he recalled the recording male stating, “That’s why cops get killed out here.” He testified that he approached the recording male and asked him, “Are you making threats against me and my fellow officers?” The recording male responded by telling Officer Abdullah to get out of his face. Officer Abdullah did not recall any other statements that were exchanged between himself and the recording male. Officer Abdullah did not recall telling the recording male to “shut the fuck up,” or telling him, “If you say some shit like that again, I’ll lock you up myself.” However, he stated that he recalled calling the recording male a coward, and stated that it was because he did not like the fact that he was making threats. During Officer Abdullah’s CCRB interview, he was shown the video footage and identified himself as the officer heard on the video footage making the alleged statements. However, he noted that he did not recall making the statements during the incident. Officer Abdullah stated that the recording male could have been arrested for disorderly conduct because he made a threat against officers.

As shown in the video footage, the officers were walking out of the park and the recording male was merely recording the incident and making statements out loud. The recording male’s statement, “that’s why cops get killed out here,” does not amount to a threat as he did not make a direct threat to hurt, harm, or kill the officers, and he did not exhibit any behavior, as shown via the video footage, that would amount to a reason for arrest. The investigation determined that Officer Abdullah had no basis to arrest the recording male and also used discourteous language gratuitously and unnecessarily, which violated NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 203-09.

Officer Abdullah pleaded guilty to related New York City Police Department Charges and Specifications that he (1) was discourteous to a person in that he stated in sum and substance, Shut the fuck up! If I ever hear you say some shit like that again, I’ll lock you up myself. Threatening to kill us. You coward, shut the fuck up. You’re a punk. That’s what you are. You’re a punk; and (2) threatened to arrest that person without sufficient legal authority.

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Any information herein regarding civil lawsuits against an officer is not necessarily a complete list of civil lawsuits in which that officer is a defendant.

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